

TOWN OF VIENNA

Planning & Zoning Department

Comprehensive Plan Update Introduction

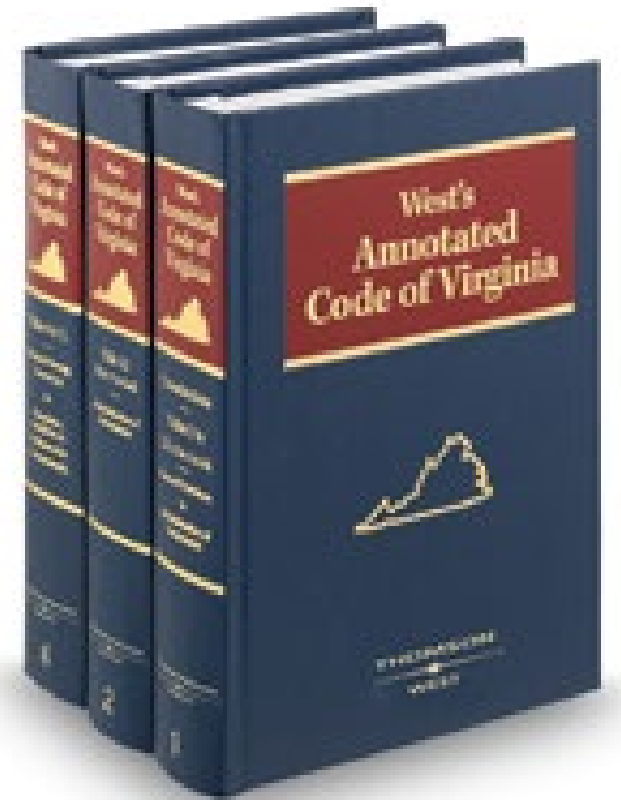
What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Long-range, high-level planning document that addresses land use, desired development, preservation of the natural environment, transportation, resource utilization, and potentially other topics.



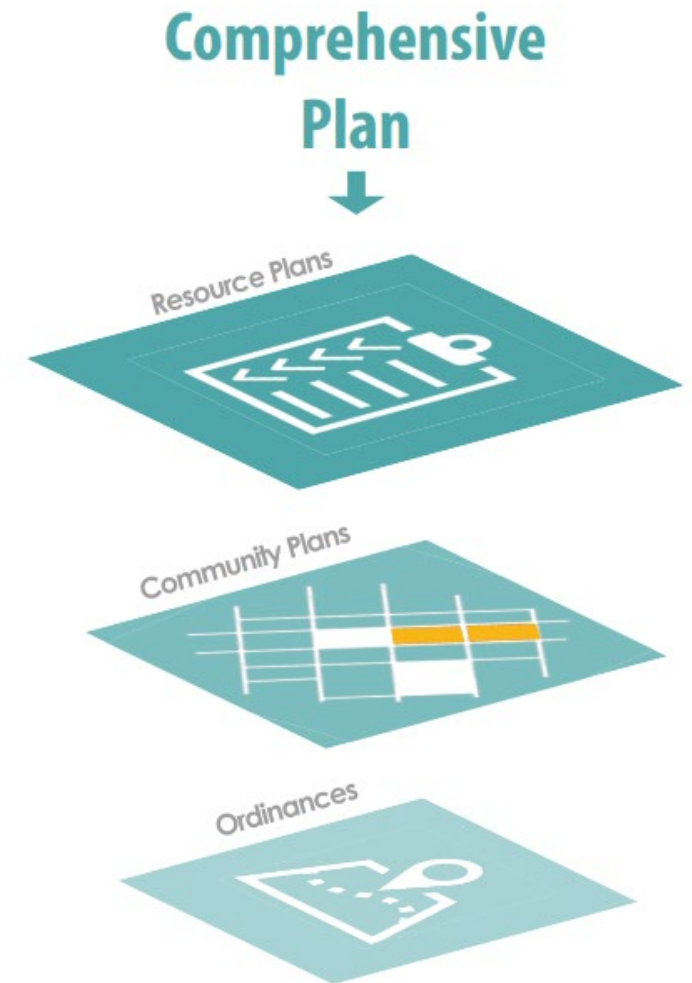
Why have a Comprehensive Plan?

- Required by Virginia State Code
- Community's vision for how it wants to evolve in the following 20+ years, with strategies to achieve that vision.
- Give successive public bodies a common framework for addressing land-use issues.
- Provide justification for decisions by providing a factual and objective basis to support zoning decisions.

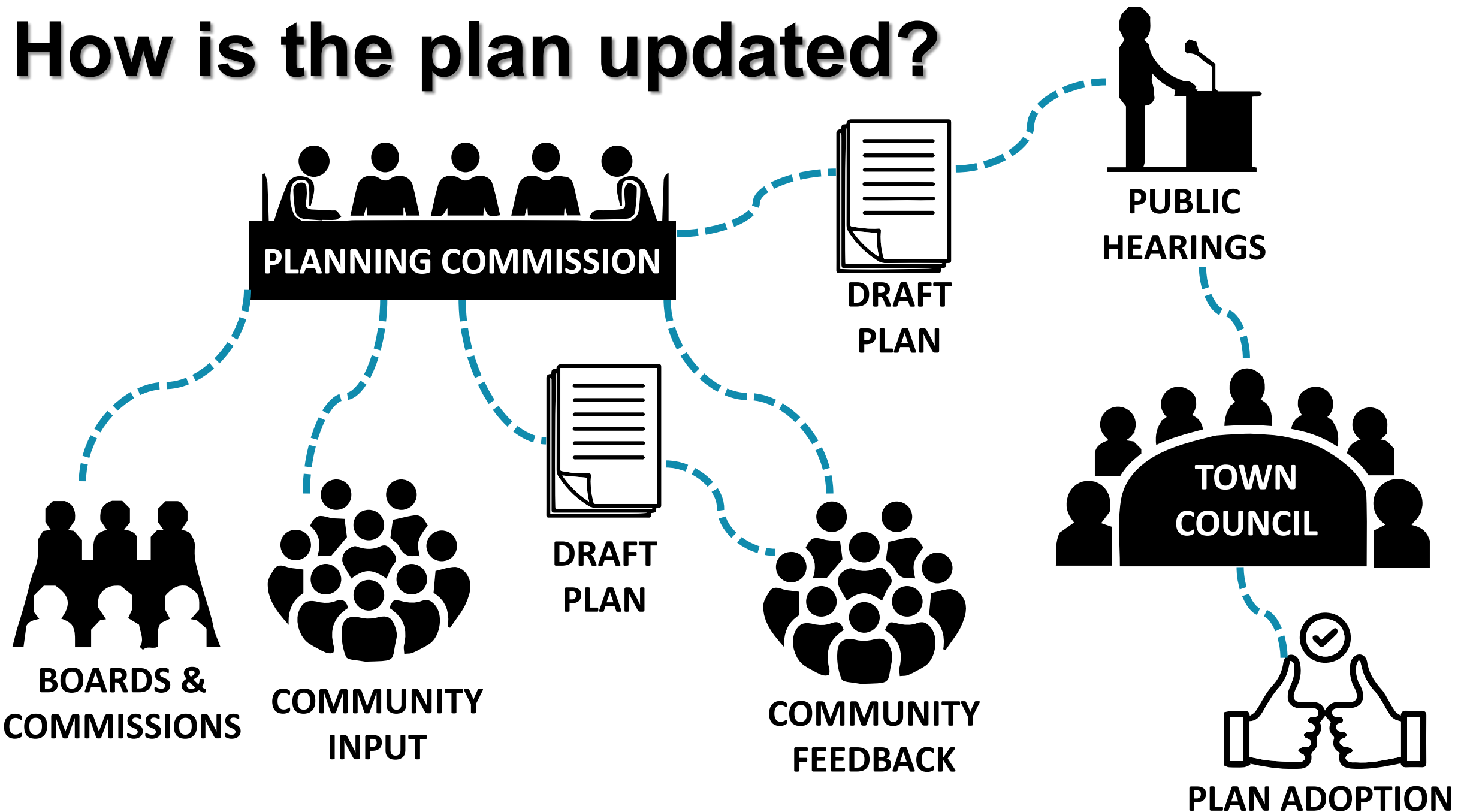


How is the Plan Implemented?

- Update regulations (e.g., zoning)
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and operational budget.
- Town Policies
- Community plans and programs that deal with specific subjects; i.e. Housing Studies, Parks & Recreation Master Plans, and Small Area Plans



How is the plan updated?



Comprehensive Plan

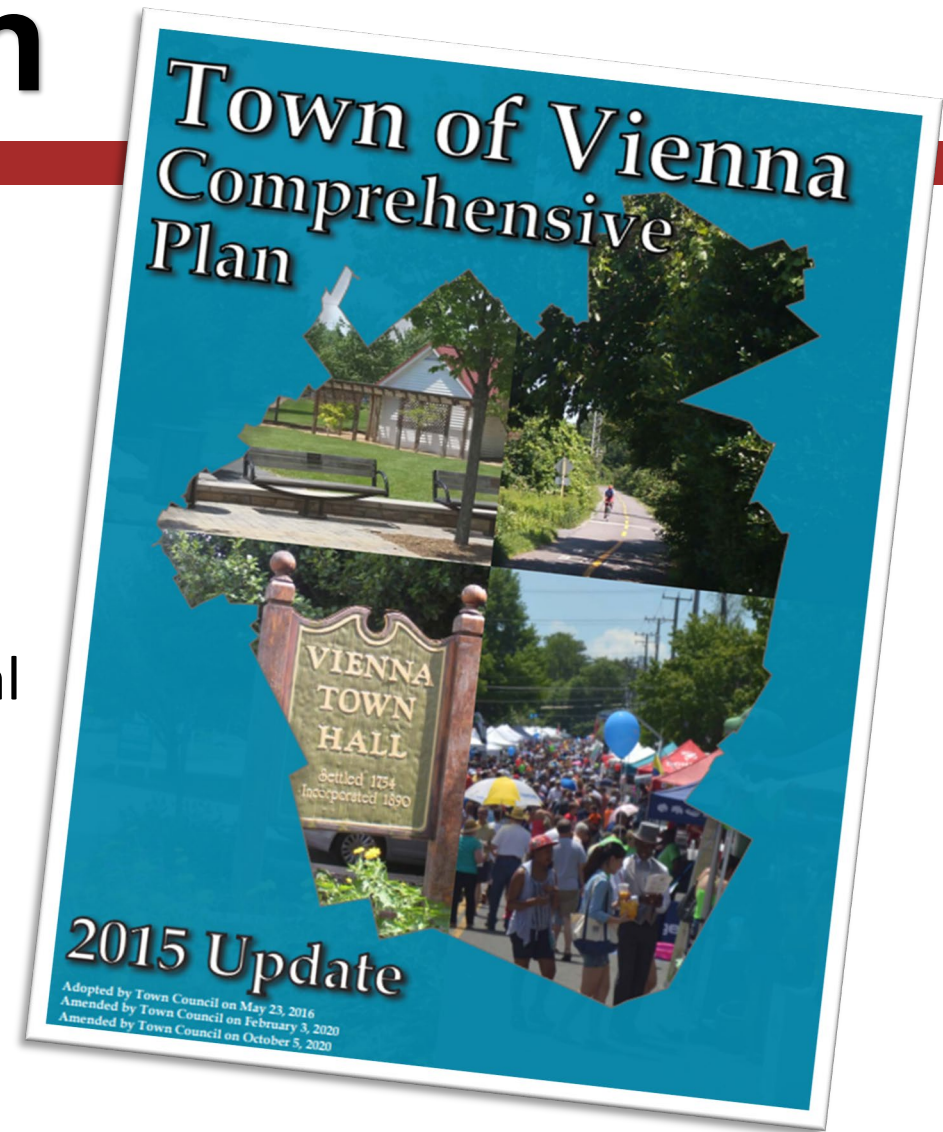
❑ May 2016 - Plan adopted

❑ February 2020 – Amendment

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❑ October 2020 – Amendment

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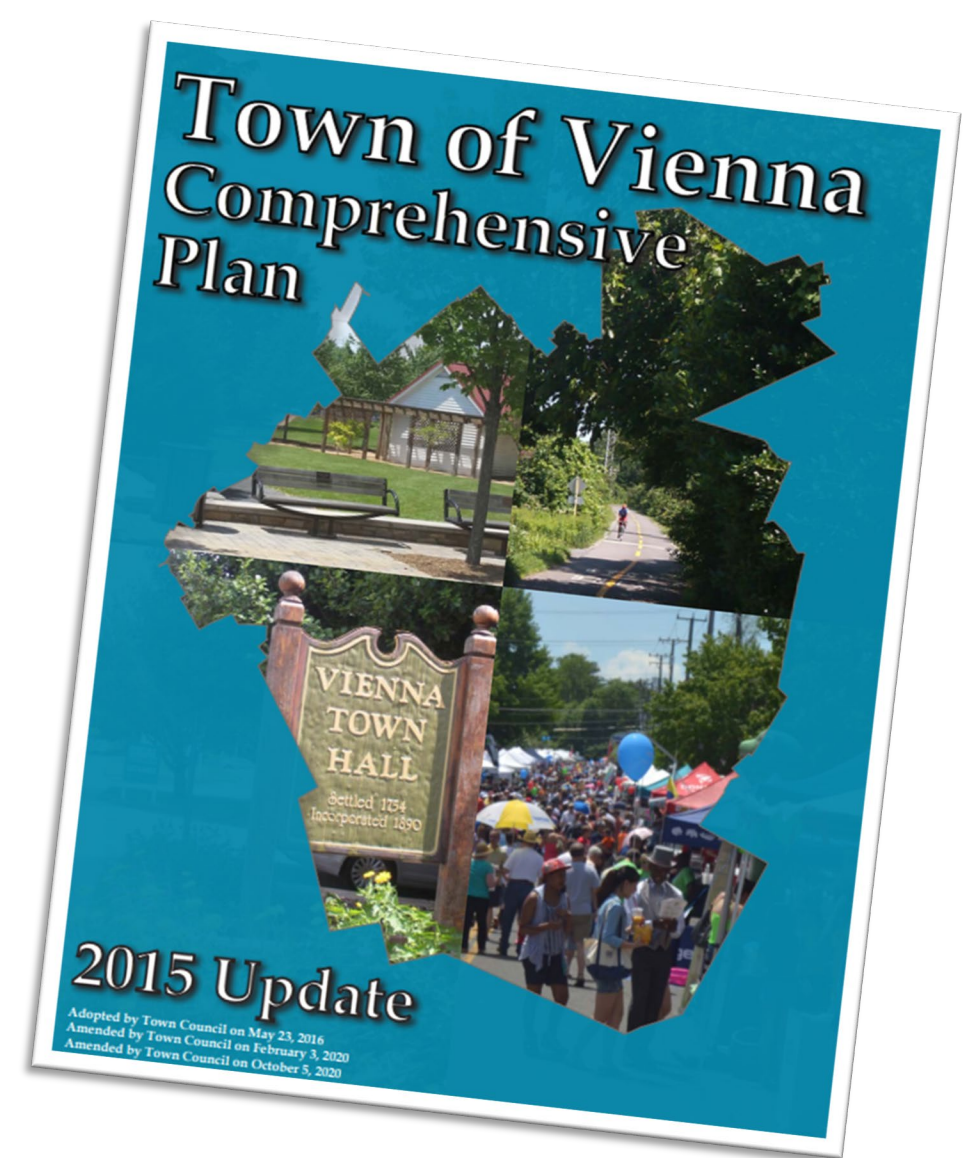
Chapter 6: Community Facilities and Services

Chapter 7: Parks and Recreation

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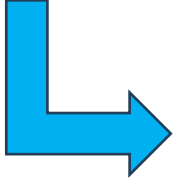
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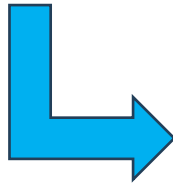
<https://www.viennava.gov/your-government/town-departments-at-your-service/planning-and-zoning/comprehensive-and-long-range-planning>

Vision Statement A formal description of what the community aspires to be.

 **Goals** Meant to be general and describe a desired future condition for each chapter.

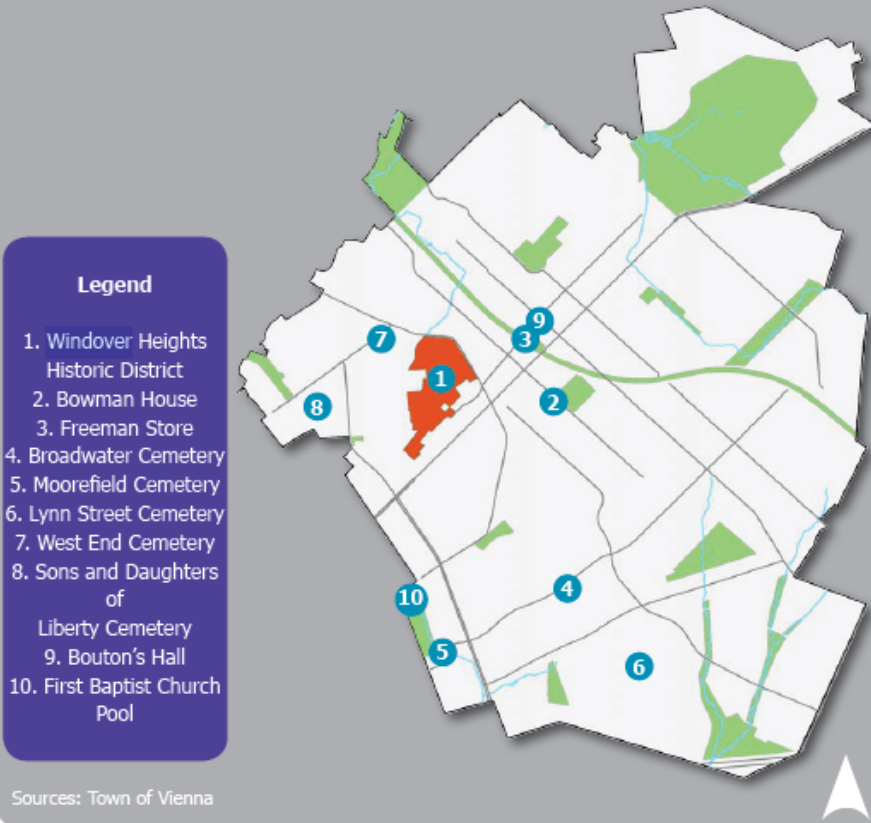
 **Objectives** More detailed and describe specific future conditions to be attained.

 **Implementation Strategies** Detailed statements that describe methods, usually through Town or department policies, to implement objectives.

 **Indicators** Statements describing how the Town should measure whether goals, objectives, and implementation strategies are successful.

Historic District and Properties

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Objective 2 - Preserve established residential neighborhoods.

Implementation Strategies

- Promote and support historic and neighborhood preservation efforts.
- Maintain the **Windover** Heights Historic District.
- Allow the rezoning of assembled properties only when such action will not adversely affect established residential neighborhoods, and any impacts to public facilities may be mitigated.
- Encourage residents to maintain their property.
- Encourage and explore incentives for residents to improve their houses.

Historic Districts and Structures

The Town of Vienna intends to protect its historic areas and structures. Including structures in the **Windover Heights Historic District**, there are 25 registered structures and sites of historic significance in Vienna. ([See Appendix for Register of Historic Structures, Sites and Places](#))

The two Town-owned historic buildings, the Freeman House and the Bowman House, located along Church Street NE and Center Street South, are discussed in more detail in the Community Facilities and Services chapter.

Windover Heights

In March 1979, the Town created the **Windover Heights Historic District** to preserve the history, character, open space, and appearance of one of Vienna's oldest residential areas. Creation of a historic district was made possible by 1974 legislation of the Virginia General Assembly that gave Vienna the authority to amend its charter to create one or more historic districts. The framework and requirements for historic districts within the Town are set forth in the Town Code, in [Article 26 under Chapter 18](#).

Questions for WHBR

- What are your thoughts on the current plan objectives and implementation strategies related to Windover Heights?
- What changes have occurred in Windover Heights since the current plan was adopted that the Planning Commission should know about?
- What are your long-term visions and policies regarding Windover Heights and the town as a whole?
- What would you like to see added to the comprehensive plan related to Windover Heights?

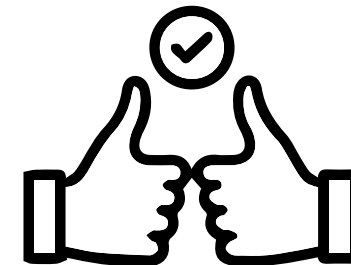
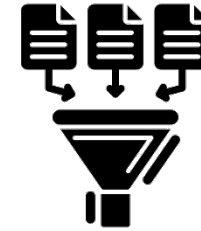
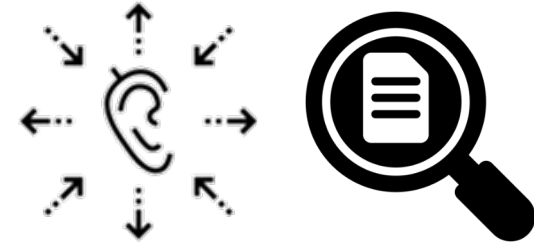
Plan Update Process

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Phase 2: Compilation & Draft Development

Phase 3: Refine the Draft

Phase 4: Finalize the plan



Plan Update Schedule

	2024												2025								
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Public Hearing



Adoption



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